

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 71
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 71 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE COUNTIES TO PROTECT
THE PUBLIC INTEREST BY ENGAGING PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS IN
SHARING IN THE COST OF MITIGATING THE POTENTIAL RISKS AND
HAZARDS POSED BY TREES ON THEIR PROPERTY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the
counties to protect the public interest by engaging private
property owners in sharing in the costs of mitigating the
potential risks and hazards posed by trees on their property.

Your Committee did not receive any testimony on this measure.

Prior to the hearing on this measure, your Committee posted
and made available for public review a proposed S.D. 1, which
deletes the contents of this measure and replaces them with
language that:

- (1) Requests the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency to
conduct a study regarding the feasibility and cost of
constructing a small, rural landing site or airstrip for
use by the National Guard and emergency responders in
south Puna and evaluate the possibility of using basalt
rebar or lunar basaltic cement in the construction;



- (2) Requests the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency to report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature; and
- (3) Amends the title accordingly.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the proposed S.D. 1 from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Hawaii Fire Department of the County of Hawaii; and seven individuals. Your Committee received comments on the proposed S.D. 1 from one individual.

Your Committee finds that Puna, on the Island of Hawaii, is an incredibly large district that is located in an active lava zone. Many people in Puna have been and will be cut off from supplies and emergency services as a result of the lava currently threatening to cross Highway 130. The closest commercial airport to Puna is Hilo Airport, a roundtrip that would increase the commute time to the closest airport by six to eight hours if lava crosses the highway. Your Committee further finds that there is an abundance of basalt on the Island of Hawaii, and basalt rebar weighs twenty-five percent less than and is two hundred percent stronger than steel rebar. The Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems is working on a basalt rebar initiative, including the construction of a basalt rebar plant, on the Island of Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by adopting the proposed S.D. 1.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 71, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 71, S.D. 1.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety,
Intergovernmental and Military
Affairs,

Will Espero

WILL ESPERO, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SCR 71	Committee Referral: PSM	Date: 4-7-15		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-end;"> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313</div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
ESPERO, Will (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood				✓
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	2313 ✓			✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	3	—	—	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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